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Department considering desirability Three Power Declaration reiterating security guarantee to Berlin along lines Secretary's May 8, 1954 statement in Berlin.

While advantages of issuing such declaration obvious, there is disadvantage that such action now could tend to sharpen sense of crisis generated by Khrushchev November 10 statement, which is plainly not in our interest. Moreover while declaration would have salutary effect everywhere, most direct way of bringing home to Soviets firmness our intention is by direct demarche to them by Ambassadors. Question of timing of declaration in light unfolding events needs examination.

Bonn requested discuss urgently in quadripartite committee and report views of FEDREP, UK and French Governments. We assume quadripartite ^{prompt} consultation would be preceded as usual by tripartite consultation Bonn.

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Department is also considering at subsequent stage possible NATO statement.

Department appreciates addressees have already commented and reported to degree on proposals this telegram/ but invites further comment.

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